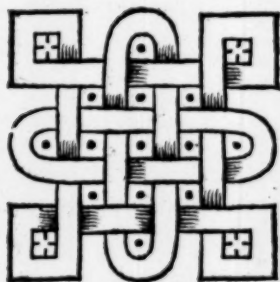




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*V*sa Caledoniæ decus, & vetus incola terræ,
Qua sine, quæ studio quaeretur gloria recti?
Aut opus exactū quoderit post fata superstes?
Sæpius inferias duce te sacravimus umbris,
Funereas cum ferre faces Libitina moneret;

Sæpius optatæ cantatæq; luminatæ dæ,
Et duce te florent genialis fœdera spondæ:
Cur tumulis toties thalami, cur funera vitæ
Fontibus, inque vicem mutantur tristia lætis,
Fare ego, nostrosque leva mansuetæ labores.

Vana superstitio, falsique amentia capta
Credulitate, deam sortem est commenta potentem;
Cujus ad arbitrium ferri, & versata referri
Cuncta, vicesque hominum vitæ variarier omnes
Autumat, eventus rerum, ceu vendicet vni
Jure sibi, quicumque cadunt; ceu nulla quietum

Sollicitet numen mundi pia cura patentiis:
Cum Deus æternis orbem moderetur habenis,
Cuncta movens, stabilisq; manens, & mota gubernans:
Hinc vice perpetua tristes lux alma tenebras
Sole cadente premit, blandam nox lurida lucem;
Nunc minuunt sese, nunc complent cornua lune
Lumine: Nam varia est nocturnæ forma Diane;
Quinetiam adversifrupto nunc turbine venti
Lucentes auras, factæ velut agmine, turbant;
Nunc animos ponunt, cælumq; renidet apertum:
Sæpe etiam abrupti tolluntur ad æthera fluctus,
Sæpe silent sese verrentibus aquora remis:
Rore licet gelido viridis nova pabula campi
Vere novo niteant, saturata calore vigescant
Æstivo; tamen autumnî, vel frigore brumæ
Sicca jacent, canis jam tempora sparsa pruinis:
Quæ fuerant hominum spes olim, & semina tantum,
Vestrene prætereant divinam corpora curam?
Artifices hæc cura manus admovit, & alvo
Materna, ut tumultu conclusa, in luminis oras
Elicuit; nullæq; suo dum robore vires
Jam teneris steterant membris, ea blanda fovebat
Cura Dei, validos viridem lieet ipsa juventam
Excipiens, firmata viros effecerit ætas;
Attamen occidua per iter declivæ senectæ,
Per varias curas, per tot discrimina rerum,
Per rapidos dubij jactataq; pectoris æstus,
Ægræq; per multas serpunt quæ in corpora pestes,
Tendit in oppositam vario certamine mortem,
Qui statuit vestra sic rumpere stamina vitæ,
Vos voluit spreta cœlestia querere terra.

Sed tamen ante obitum mortalia pectora (tantum
Labis habent, cæciq; erroris) imagino falsi
Capta boni ne intentata vacent mendacibus umbris,
Ne securi Dei, & cœli securi relictæ,
Quicquid inest rebus sectentur inane caducis;
Pocula fert acidi populo libanda falerni
Erranti Deus, ille Deus, qui mortis in omnes
Jus habet & vitæ, qui dulcia mutat amaro.

Attamen, ut rerum nature fata, vetustas;
Instabilesq; vices mala dem & tristia damna,
Ille opifex tantas mundi sarcire ruinas
Constituit, lapsis cupiens succurrere rebus.

Lucina utendum censet, justisq; hymenæis:
Nec, licet enervent animos inhonesta furentes,
Pura vetat puras admittere gaudia montes
Conjugij optati, quo vos natura poli;
Fata vocant, casti fati copulantur amores.
Sin, quibus ætherei sapientia plena pudoris
Contigit, hic cupiant cœlestem ducere vitam,
Vincere vestales & virginitate Sibyllas,
Virginitas illis sit nulli obnoxia culpa:
Velle bonum tamen est volupe, id vehementius omnes
Si volumus quod labe caret, sit pura voluptas;
Hanc licet in terris commendet rarior usus,
Sitq; venus male casta, lues, ea juncta jugali
Sancta tamen thalamo est; ut dulcia pignora cœlo
Edat, ut exbilet numerosa prole penates;
Postq; rogos nonnulla sui monumenta relinquens
Chara parens longum vivus videatur in illis;
Ut superet rebus partis vivacior heres,
Regna viris vigeant, florentes civibus vrbes;

Sentibus horrerent ne rura inculta colonis.

Ergo age vernantem juvenum pulcherime florem
Purpureum referens, tanta lux aurea gentis,
Progenies nec avo, nec claro indigna parente,
Quam beat innumeris cœli indulgentia donis,
Pignora conjugij, veneris quam dulcia caste
Præmia sint tandem noris, tibi ludat ut aula
Magne ROBERTE puer patria, indulgenter amor
Tum placito ludum dato; tum diuturna juventa
Otia deme tuæ, & perituris utere donis.
Hoc tibi conjugium divina modestia, morum
Nobilitas generi respondens, mista pudore
Virgineo probitas, affusaq; gratia forma,
Pulchrior hacq; animi pietas tulit, ardor honesti
Consilij gravitate micans, patientia vite
Sobrietate nitens, annis prudentia major,
Simplicitas mentis candore notabilis ipso,
Suasere in tedas, & fœdera sancta venire:
Hos vel ad exemplum mores expende, pro bentur
Singula, veriloquis respondent omnia scriptis,
Ut sine dote queat Jove conjugè digna videri.

Sapius ergo alijs captatam præripe prædam;
Ad procerum turbam quæ obscuruit ante procorum,
Ne sociam cunctis fugias adjungere curis;
Parq; tuo ingenium casus complectere in omnes;
Vna salus sit utriq; , vnum commune periculum:
Illa tibi tam chara, suo Cornelia Graccho
Quam fuit, egregia vitam pro conjugè pacto;
Officio, studioq; virum tam vincat amantem,
(Sed fato meliore tamen) quam Porcia Brutum:
Tuq; adeo veroum virgo de stirpe propago,

*Si neq̃ gentis honos, nec piet̃e tegmina palla
Aut radiata auro, aut stellantibus obfita gemmis,
Nec cultura coma, nec celsæ frontis honores,
Nec tibi, Sidonio toties qui murice cultus
Ardet, nec niveis mista inda monilia bacchis,
Si neq̃ dotis opes, argenti pondera & auri,
Te juvenum flori commendavere; sed alti
Ingenij dotes, pulchrisq̃ affusa labellis
Gratia; sed sancta quod concipis æthera mente,
Colla jugo matura lubens submitte virili;
Nec fallatur amor, vacuiq̃ modestia lecti
Sit procul, & gratum vivat sub pectore vulnus
Virgineo, passos non dedignata repulsam
Tot procures, auro gemmam, non inferre plumbo.
Non tua Therfites poscit connubia lesò
Lumine, clauda trahens contracto poplite membra,
Aut Phalaris; sœva qui concidit arte Perylli;
Liber a ne tanti metuas jugâ dura tyranni:
Non humili de plebe viro sociare jugali
Jure thori, æqualem tibi fata tulere, ferentem
Quem sese ore virum! Nec formæ aut stirpis egentem;
Grata sit ut pulchro & generoso e corpore virtus:
Filius antiquæ præclara insignia gentis
Quem fugisse queunt? pene usq̃ ad sidera nota,
Tam mansura diu, flammantia menia mundo
Quam nitidi ostendent radiantia lumina phœbi,
Ingentesq̃ animi; seu pax seu bella gerantur,
Non latuere trucem nostris in sinibus hostem:
Umbra procul mendax hinc religionis, in illo
Cum patriæ niteat veræ pietatis imago;
Hæc colitur genitrix operum studiosa bonorum.*

Ingenij tacitamne aciem, vitamq; relinquam?
Perq; graves artes, doctrinamq; interioram
Dulciter exultam, radio describere mundum;
Æquoris, & terræ longos exponere tractus,
Inq; domos superas alte penetrare, latentes
Ætheris ire vias, cœliq; docere meatus?
Archimedem Siculum illo demonstrante putares,
Alta Mathematicæ qui dogmata mente reposita
Calleat, illiusq; arcana recludere possit.
Huic hederis redimita cohors Phœbæa colenti
Pieridum pia sacra, Deo vel Apolline digna
Carmina ludenti, & tenera servanda cupresso
Digna thoris ultro certet dare carmina festis.
Si Maro, Meonides, Naso, superetq; Tibullus,
Grandiloquo queis dulce melos manabat ab ore,
Mirifico arderent studio, virtutis amore
Hunc niveum celebrare diem, tedeq; jugales
Quos simul optato junxerunt omine sponfos.
Hæc equidem non vna meum, simplexq; canendi
Causa animum rapit; hæc tumulo debetur avito
Gratia: Nam nostræ Marcum pia cura iuventæ
Sollicitavit avum, multum matremq; parentis;
Tum similes ambo colimus pietate camænas,
Et bibimus doctis haustam de fontibus undam.

Ergo tibi charo fœlix cum conjugè Nympha
Conveniat, placeasq; tibi placitura marito
Si neq; de plantâ neq; vertice fœmina prima
Sumpta viri fuerat primi, mediumq; tenebat,
Mancipio dominaq; procul, non ille maritum
Se duxisse suum, nec te nupsisse putaris
Matronæ, vos jura thori socialia jungunt,

Et socialis amor socialibus auctus ab annis.

*Quod superest, magna cui vincla jugalia curæ
Summe parens, procul hinc iræ, tetrig, facessant
Semina dissidij, & minitansia murmura lingue
Magniloque, procul hinc pietæ tectoria vocis
Tædia, blanditiæq, leves, convitia, rixæ;
Ast animi candor mereatur vtrinq, favorem,
Mutua nec desint vera solatia vite,
Gignat amor pacem, pax sancta est optima rerum,
Innumeris potior pax est bene culta triumphis;
Sit comes illius pleno bona copia cornu, &
Summus honos: lepidiq, joci, divina voluptas.
Et multum repetita pios Lucina penates
Exhilarer; thalami consors partuq, levata
Sæpe, beæ charum generosa prole maritum,
De patre quæ multum ferat, & de matre decoris,
Indole, & ingenio non ementita parentes.
Sitque nefas castos veneris perrumpere nexus,
Et juncta Herculeo violare hæc vincula nodo.*

SINGVLARVM PARTIVM SVPE- rioris EPITHALAMII explanatio.

M*Vsa Caledonia*] Invocatio est, qua quærentur causæ Epita-
phij & Epithalamij toties per vices scribendi, causæque
vicissitudinis rerum præsertim prosperarum & ad versarum.
Vana superstitio] Narratio responsionem subjectam continens
nempe huius mutationis non fortunam, sed Deum authorem
esse, cuius providentia ut moventur & gubernantur hæc
omnia, sic omnes etiam rerum vicissitudines, quæ cernun-
tur in Cœlo, Aere, Aquis, Terra, initia quoque & gradus
ætatibus

ætatis humani corporis, res adversæ, mala valetudo, vita & mors, animi denique perturbati motus administrantur; harum vero magna ex parte vicissitudinum finem esse, ut sic domita naturæ humanæ corruptione, Deus, hominum animas in terram nimium incurvas doceat in cœlum suspirare.

Altamen, ut] Rerum naturalium, præcipue vero generis humani damna à vetustate, rerum vicissitudine & morte data Deo sciente & volente statuit Deus in præsentē vita matrimonio compensanda.

Nec licet] Et si virginitas non culpanda sit, & ut lecto geniali laudabilior nonnullis magis probetur, pruritu tamen libidinis coniugio sanctificato Deus utitur ad humani generis & Ecclesiæ propagationem.

Ergo age] Exhortatio ad sponsum pertinens nata ex argumentis quæ supra memorantur, adiunctis sponsæ laudibus, ut sponsus Dei donis ad hanc vocationem accommodis sanctè utatur.

Sæpius ergo] Exhortationis conclusio, ut ideo libenter hoc coniugium ineat, ac mutua & non simulata benevolentia coniunx coniugem in utraque fortuna complectatur.

Tuq; adeo] Exhortatio ad sponsam spectans, ut cum ipsius maritus externa corporis & fortunæ bona nihil moretur, ingenii verè animi dotibus potius moveatur, par coniugium talis tantique viri, iam adepta detrectare nolit, ubi sponsæ laudes plenè canuntur.

Hæc equidem] Causæ quibus author impulsus est ad hoc Epithalamium scribendum.

Ergo tibi charo] Proximæ exhortationis conclusio, ut sponsa sorte sua media contenta, dominationem in virum habere non concupiscat.

Quod superest] Precatio est, ut Deus hinc omnis odii, dissidii & rixæ pestem avertens, coniugium hoc omnibus beneficiis in præsentē vita prosequatur, & pace perpetua confirmare dignetur.

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dependance about this ſumme, which is the principal of Scotland, as alſo, upon the frontiers of England, he has offered to maintain and defend me againſt all that would attempt to gainſt me. We have choſen for every catholike Lord, a gentleman of the beſt & ſubſtiall Catholicks, & beloued of theſe ſerues, to ſerue them of a Counſail, & to conuene at all occasions, to reſolue the moſt expedient that may concerne the weill of our countrie, according to the will & intention of the Lord, which hath bound theſe ſerues, to approue & execute theiſe reſolutions, & no waies to contrarie the ſame: And by that meanes, we hope to proceed with greater ſaſetie & effect, than we haue hitherto. Alwaies theſe ſhall know no thing of our intelligences there, nor our ſmall intentions, but according to the exigence of the affaires ſhall be in hand, & that ſuperſtially, and without diſcovering our ſelues ouer ſarre. Your Highneſſe ſhall vnderſtand by the particular letters of the Lord, & which reſs to be ſaid to you by theiſe preſents: My reaſon whereof, I will make an end, moſt humbly bidding your Highneſſe hands: And pray to God to giue you all the good hope & felicitie yet beſire. From Edinburgh, the 24. of Ianuarie. 1589.

Your Highneſſe moſt humble and
moſt affectioned ſeruitour,
Robert Bruce.

A Discourse of the Spanishe Scottish traitors.

In Loane, which are all the Ecclesiasticks, that procure to great spiritual fruit in Scotland, and bring to you great augmentation of your friends and servants here. After the parting of Colonnell Scampill from this, the Lord sent letters with the said Father Chrichton & other Gentlemen, after the armie of Spain, to cause the land in this countie, but they have taken the way to Spain few daies before their arrival at the Isles, where they refreshed themselves: so that it was not possible for them to attend on it. They of this countie, that are of the faction of England, were in a mercurious care, during the interitide of the landing of the said Armie, & confesse plainly, if they had landed here, they had ben all utterly washed. The Earle Boilwell, who is Countroll of Scotland, & as yealous a Lord as any is in the countie, albeit he make protestation of the new Religion, yet is he very desirous to assist you against England, having leaved and traiesed all this summer, (under pretence to go toward the Isles) some troups of men of war, which together with his forces & ordinaries should have loomed with yours if they had come hither. He suffers himself to be peaceably guided by me, notwithstanding the bitterness of our Religion, hath oftentimes said, that if the Catholics would give him suretie to possesse after the restitution of the Catholics Religion, two shabates, which he hath, that he should even presently be altogether one of ours. He intends to send the Colonnell Halkerton, to accompanie certaine Captaines and Gentlemen of Spain, & almost foure hundred soldiers, all sail from the shantage in our Isles. And because they are in great necessitie, he is purposed to furnish them with ships, victuals, & other things necessarie, to enable them to the King of Spain, the affection he has to doe him most humble and affectioned service: And if we think it good, has offered himselfe to goe out of the Countie, and to goe offer himselfe to your Highnes, in y^e low Countie, & by your humble request to his spallie Catholicke in Spain. But hereupon we that would upon y^e most respect: If we may allwaies be assured of him, he will be as profitable for the well of our cause, as any Lord in Scotland: For he has great

And were dispersed through this countie, the heretics
of the faction of England triumphed, and the constant in the
outward profession of the Earle of Huntly, and others was
brought) caused the Earle of Angus to die, who was right of
the English faction, & the selfe same time ended some dissent
on amongst the heretics, by reason of some officers, that some
pretended to burpe above others at Court, and by the instant
papers and holy persuasions of two faithers, James, con-
nected to our holy faith, two hereticke Earles of the first of
antipathie and power amongst them, the one wherof is cal-
led the Earle of Erroll, constable of Scotland, converted by sa-
ther Edmond Hay. The other called the Earle of Crauid,
converted by the said father William Chrichton. They are
both able and wise young Lordes, and most bestrous to ad-
vance the Catholike faith, and pour enterprises in this Ile,
whitch they are deliberate to bestie to his spaciouse Catholike,
and pour wisdom by their own letters, whitch by the grace
of god, I shal send by the first commoditie. In the meane time,
they have requirred me to make you offer of their most humble
and most affectioned service, promising to follow what I com-
mander the said James and I shall thinke good to be done, for the
conversion of the Catholikes, & to dispoise and facilitate the
execution of your enterprises here, whitch they may doe more
easie, not they that are knownen to be Catholikes, whose a-
tions are ever suspicious to the heretics for their Religion,
wherof the two Earles hath not yet made outward profes-
sion, but in that as in the rest, they submit themselves to your will,
to that we find most expedient. The said father of that com-
pante, makes great fruit in Scotland, and so some as dis-
like of other person of importance is converted by them,
their dispoise and incline in the very meane time their affecti-
on to the service of the King of Spain, & pour Religion as a
thing inseparable conjoined wth the advancement of the true
Religion in this countie. If I had commandment of your
Majestie, I would give the same title James in your name
to help them, & any others, wherof four are also James,
& the other four are feminine titles of Concomitance

The Iesuits
and Priests do
great hurt in
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[illegible]

A discoverie of the Spanisized Scottish traytors.

well Scipius a letter, wherof I have caused the copie to be ge-
uen to his secretarie by the Earle Bouthwell, as if it had bene
sent to him within a letter of the said Colonels to himselfe,
which he received fro Thomas Iurie at his arrival, who hath
reposed to him the said Chancery all that Signetur don Bernar-
do spoke to him in Paris to the disadvantage of the said chan-
cellar. Also hee hath reposed to the king, that my A. Bishop
of Dumbane, being returned there, spake to your highnesse, &
to others many things, to the great prejudice of his highnesse:
And it is belieued also, that hee is the cause of the supposition
which is conceived of the said John Chesholme,
newly to the said Bishop. Whomever it bee, the other reproches
are false, which he hath made, hath not served to consist, but
to alienate the affection of the king, to the Chancery, & ma-
ny other hereticall, from the said Signetur don Bernar-
do Bishop, and Catholikes here, that hath had to doe
with them. As for me, albeit I speak not willingly to the dis-
advantage of any whatsoever, chiesly of them whom I
have recommended, as I do the said Thomas Iurie, to the
said Don Bernardino, yet I will preferre the light of the truth
to men, and would not in the concealing thereof, being preja-
dicial to publicke weale, nor to the absolute that we owe one to
another, and specially that we owe all to the king of Spaine, &
your highnesse, to whom I am presently servant particularly
aboded by the obligation of due humblye crownes of see,
and courtie for monethly entertainment, which it hath pleased
your highnesse, to give me freely in name of the king of Spaine,
not being required on my part, nor other thing for my part,
equal to this present: by reason wherof, I am the more bound
to give your highnesse most humble thanks, & to endeavour my
selfe to deserve by my most humble and faithful services, as
well the said entertainment, as the recompence it hath pleased
your highnesse to promise me of your grace & favour. The said
gift of your liberalltie, came to me in good time, seeing by
reason of the danger of my person, it behoved me to augment
my ordinary traine for my greater suretie, which I was not
able longer to have borne out without help, for from all the

They compe
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by the Kings Commandement, am discharged to come nere
the said Earle: because they have attributed to the said Lord of
Ferre and me, his constancie in the Catholike Religion, and
his absence from court against the Kings will: this warding
hath somewhat hindered our court, and permits mee not to
moue him, as it hath pleased you to command mee, & as I de-
are to dispende the money continually with this: so that say I up-
plying of the default of him, I have associated to the same end, a
very honest man, & very wise called father William Cricht-
on Jesuite, who was kept some pcees in the towne of Lan-
don, after he was taken upon the Tower, committing toward us
from France. I likewise I shall help my selfe by the pvidence of
sir James Chicholme, eldest brother to the said John, who
bought the money from your highnes: for he is a man con-
fident, wise, and on our part, & very little suspected. In the mean
time, the one part of the money, is in the principall house of
my Lord Levingston, a very Catholike Lord, the other there
in Edinburgh, in a very safe place, to help as it shall neede the
 Lords Catholikes, who will come very soon together to resist
the desires of them of the faction of England, who in the same
time, are purposed to remaine at Court, with forces to rule
all things according to their fantasie. As for the same
of greater, which your highnes promised should be sent the
next: I were good in all events, it were very convenient, I expect
it to help the necessitie that may fall out, and so cause things
incline to our side, when they are in ballance, as there is great
apparance they will be, by the occasion aforesaid: And in case
that necessitie requires no distribution, the said summe shall be
kept, and reserved to better occasions, as while the arruall
of your forces in this Ile. Either is suspicion, as also arguments,
probable enough, that Thomas Tyrle, who hath bought here
your highnes letters to our King, hath not behaved himselfe
according to his duty: for he hath accommodated himselfe in his
behaviour, more after the affection of our Chancellor (who is
of the faction of England, and abuses the credit he hath with
the King) not according to the instructions given him there.

It is meant
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to write in these parts, to the Catholike Illos, to remove an
error from this, who hath written their in name of the rema-
nent, that moves them to think, by reason they were the first
that made offer of their service to the King Catholike, that all
the money that comes here, should be parted in this, & 3 un-
mediately after the arrival thereof delivered to them, without
giving part to others, which be those they are in great num-
ber to the King Catholikes service, and persons, and also be-
liberate to have after their power for the advancement of
this cause, as they are, of whom the others will not depend
in any sort, in the accepting of the names that comes from
your liberality, but acknowledge them as committing directly
from your Highness, to whom only they will be bound and
obedient, and not to the other this. And the which, the Earle of
Moroun, hath hitherto contented himselfe with reason: as al-
to the Earle of Huntly, hath never between himselfe subiect
to money, but since he hath ben induced by the other, to write,
Alzo Clad had hamilton his vncle, who is somewhat coue-
lous of goods, & thought under such pretext to make his profit.
He said Earle of Huntly, is constrained to remain at Court,
he is fallen to his countie in his outward protection of the
Catholike Religion, partly, for having lost all expectation of
your support before the returning of the said Chisholme, be-
cause of his long stay there, partly by the persuasion of some
politicks, partly to escape the perils imminent to all them
that call themselves Catholikes, partly to keepe himselfe in
the favour of the King, who pressed him greatly to subscribe
the Confession of the Hereticks, and to league with England.
But for all this, his part is no wise alienate from our cause: for
he hath the hart ever good, albeit he have not such vigour to per-
severe, & execute such, as is requisite in so great an enterprise:
but they may help those defects, putting beside him a man of
courage, resolute to assist him, as we have a doubt to do, since the
Earle of Fencible is put in ward by the King, in the town of
Lundie: so that hee dare not goe out of the portes thereof,
under the paine of a great summe, while the occasion may be
offer to depart the countie, within the time limited. And 3

A Letter from Robert Bruce, to Monsieur Françoise Aguire Espaignell, &c. intercepted in Iannuarie, 1589 written in French, and translated as followeth.

Monsieur de Aguire, I haue receiued your letter, dated the ninth of Nouember, written from Antwerp, whereby I was glad to vnderstand of your arrival there & health, and that ye haue guided your selfe to wiselsh in execution of all that I committed to you. Your shalier, who at my request hath giuen you entertainment, hath giuen me the like testimonie of your behaviour, and hath promised me by his letters, to haue you in the fauourable commendation I desire, and to imploie you in good occasions. If he send you againe into these parts, be landed nere to Scyroun, where I pray you enter secretly, and there you shall be kept, while I may come & find you, &c.

The rest of this Letter being set downe in obscure termes, is to bee scene in the original.

A Letter from Robert Bruce, to the Duke of Parme, intercepted in Iannuarie. 1589. Lately before the Rode of the bridge of Die: written in French, and therefore translated and set downe as followeth.

Monsieur Chesholme, arrived in this countie these daies after his departing from thence, and with requitt diligence, come to the Citie of Huurle in his own boule in Dunfermeling, where hauing presented to him your Highnesse letters, of the 13. of December, he declared amply to him the

A Letter from the Earle of Errol, to the Duke of
 Farn: intercepted in Iannarie, &c.

MY Lord, Since God of late by the cleare light of his be-
 lie Catholike faith, hath shaled from my understanding, the
 dai knelle of ignorance & error, wherein I have ben heretofore
 nourished: I have bene as some pertwad in acknowledged
 of so great an error of his divine grace towards me, that I
 am chieflie obliged to procure, since I knew the principles of
 this spualitie Catholike, & your highnesse tends principally to
 that end, as also to the advancement of some civil cause which
 hath verie great affinitie, and consension with ours here. What
 I must tellie by the present, the affection that I have to the
 well of the one & the other, having ever before my consideration
 bene one of the number of your friends and servants for the
 respect of the last, to the which, the first of religion, which is
 the greatest and most important that is in the world, being
 loved thereto I am also become altogether pious: which I
 besterch most humbly your highnesse cause be assigned to his
 spualitie Catholike, & to promise him in my behalf, that he
 hath not in this Countie a more affectioned servant then I,
 neither yet your highnesse, as he shall understand most amply
 of my intention in particular, by him by whom your high-
 nesse shall receive this present. To whom affect I have most
 humbly knit your hand, & beseech the creator, to give you the
 accomplishment of your holy desires. From Edinbrough, this
 24. of Iannarie, 1589.

Your Highnesse most humble and
 most affectioned Servant
 Francis Earle of Errol.

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the twiites, I give your Highnesse most humble thanks. The supply of ten thousand Crowns sent to that end, is received by Ed. Robert Bruce which shall not be employed but for help of the most urgent necessitie of the said cause, as it hath pleased your Highnesse to direct. After the departure of Colonel Sem- pill, I have found my selfe to be sold on all hands. and pced in such sort, by our king, & it behooveth me to pcell to the extreme difficultie of time, and subscribe with his spaciitie, not with my heart, the confession of their faith: so otherwise, I had bene forced immediately to have repaired the countie, as to have taken the hellos for resting his forces, and such as he might have drawn out of England to his aide, which I could not have done, specially then, when by the returning of your arme in Spain, all hope of help was taken from us: but if on the one part I have failed, by the apprehension of dangers that threatened my ruine, I shall on the other part endeavour my selfe to amend my fault (whereof I repent me with all my heart) by some effect, tending to the well & advancement of the cause of God, who hath put me in such credit with his spaciitie, that since my committing to court, he hath broken his for- mer guards, & caused me to establish others about his person of my men, by the means of whom & their captaines, who are blisshed guards about the king at his owne will to be master of his person, to assure your selfe of my unchangeable affections in my former resolutions, albeit the outward actions be forced to conforme themselves sometimes offer.

He diffembles his Religion for secure and pollicie.

all to mine, I map enueer be spallier of his person: And your sup- port being attuned, spoile the hereticke of his authority, to fighte and assure our enterprises: whereupon I beseech your Highnesse to send me your absolute, & to assure your selfe of my unchangeable affections in my former resolutions, albeit the outward actions be forced to conforme themselves sometimes offer.

to necessitie of our occasions, as Ed. Robert Bruce will move ample justice to your Highnesse, to whom I remitt me farther. saying God, after I have most humbly kist your Highnesse hand, to give you accomplishment of your holie enterprises. from Edinburgh the 24. of Januarie. 1592.

Your Highnesse most humble and affectioned Servitor,
G. Earle of Huntly.

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A discoverie of the Spanisized Scottish traytors.

Advice to the assailed by Elana. After, sending where a part of your forces before the other which should goe the right way to England, & that secretly by the back of Ireland: & our spallie should come full of enemies to devoure their forces, & it may be, should cause them send the greatest part where, which we might make them believe the greatest part of your forces were arrived, & draw a should cause them digarments as much of England, & draw a great part of their forces, which should rest your landing & invasion on that coast. And we may well promise, that having here the thousand of your men, and money to leue others here, we should within six houres after their arrivall be well toward within England, to approach & alide the forces which pour spallie should cause enter there. The knight William Scampil colonel, can theu pour spallie the whole, to whome to be remitt. Also, we have toyt before & since his depart, our many such aouies by sp. Robert Bruce, & caused abjecte the same to my Lord Duke of Parroc, to whome pour spallie remitted us from the beginning in their affaires, and saying we hope pour spallie is betwile abouertised & informed, we will end the present, kiding most humbly pour spallies hand, saying we should with all our affection, to grant you full accom-

plishment of all your holy enterprises. From Edinburgh this 24. of January. 1589.

Your Majesties most humble and affectioned
Serruitours. G. Erie *Hunlie*, & cct.
In name of the other Lords
Catholikes in Scotland.

A Letter directed from the Erie of *Hunlie*, to the Duke
of *Parroc*, intercepted in *Lannarke*. &c.

May Lord, I have received from John Chesholme, the letter, it pleaseth your highnesse to write, the 1. of October. full of most Christian affection to the well of our cause: For the

With 6000
men sent to
Spain, & money to leue a
power in Scotland, they will
be far in England.
land.

after.
this had here-
how to assist
King of Spain

[illegible]

A LETTER DIRECTED TO THE KING OF
Spain, by three Noble-men of Scotland, whereof, two
hath since returned to the profession and defence of the
truth, by their Aiths and subscriptions, wherefore their
names are suppressed, the third his Name expressed, (to
wit, the Earle of *Huntlie*.) because he continues as yet in
his former wicked course. This Letter written by them in
the name of the Catholike Noble-men of Scotland, cy-
pled in French, was intercepted in Iannuarie, 1589.
lately before the tyme of the Raid of the Brig of Die, ther-
after was decyphered word by word, and translated in Scot-
tish as follows.

Sir, we cannot sufficiently expresse by speech, the great re-
gard we haue conceived, being fruitefull of the help we
haue so long had to see this yere past, & desired affords fall out
whitch we attended of your speciall preparations. And our
displeasure hath bene so much & greater, that your arme & as-
sailed the same with sufficient forces for the peacable recep-
t and assisting thereof, against all enemies, in such sort, that it
should haue had no resistance in this Countrey, and with
our support should haue given a newe adoe to England. At
least, if it had committed here to restore it, it had preferred a
number of scissels and men, whitch we know haue per-
tyed next our life, and upon the coast of Ireland. And had
discouered an incredible number of friends, in full resolution
to haue runne the same fortune with it, in such sort, as we
dare well affirme, it should not haue found haine so many
in England, for all that is spoken by the English Catholikes
refused there, who by emulation, or rather by any dishonest
an infinite eternall our future our means to adoe you, to
magnifie their owne onely, and make themselves to be este-
mable to doe all, to aduance themselves thereby, in credit
with

will understand better now. And well I think it fortune of means
be not tedious. I shall lose all, & better it is to have some thing
then lose all. As to y^e price let y^e it down, for he has mentioned
as he saies, he has some land loaning to it. I pray you for
an battle answer of this. I doubt not but y^e have heard
how the young men, whose father was slain by the Lord of
Ruchvenis slew him againe, whose whole familie is married to one
James Reid. Cairday is come in the Constables hands, and
your spacie is prised of it, and that by the means I know of
Abraham your brother: but your speech is little better now
begging. Drunkilbo is dead, and Thomas I trye is out. I
pray you advettise me by what manner, spairer Secun Wil-
loun is comde by me. Lord Levingston is obligation, the which
ye had of the fourtie Crownes his. It was owing you: for
spairer Secun has gotten away y^e fourtie crownes, rendering
the obligation which ye had: I durd never make mention
of the hundred crownes from the father, and fourtie crownes
from the sonne, which ye left me to receave: as saye I.
Levingston, is departed of this world. ye heard before, that
David Forster, had a sonne, and now has an other boine
in the Castell of Strueling, wher he is in ward, hardly hand-
led. Wher is but one of our y^eobillitie here, which has of the
Lord of Spaine, a pension twill paid of twelve hundred crowns.
The which apparantly are ill bestowed: for he no none of
his as yet, has never done any kinde of good in the promo-
tion of the things matters: wherfore such pensions were bet-
ter bestowed on others, which trauailes daily & hourly put
ling in hard both the gods and him, as this beater has
done and daily doth: & wher, as he can shew you &c. The
cause I have no other thing to write, I have ben long enough,
I commend me to your prayers, and you to God. At Scot-
land the 15. of December. 1592.

Yours at his power

Robert Sandeford.

Direct on the back.

To his trustie friend, George Crauford.
A L E T.

band on his own expenses: As he has bene ever bent in that
cause, not onely to spend his goods, but also the thing that is
more deare to him, that is, his life: therefore I thinke hee should
bee the more acceptable, as also for the assistance of blood, for both
his goodnames was Crechirones: And as for wit and abilitie,
of treating of their affaires, he is not inferior to none of your
Spaniards which he desired, as he will perceive by experience
God willing. And albeit that he of his couragious liberallitie &
zeale to the cause, hath tane the matter in hand on his own char-
ges, yet all your friends in these quarters, thinke it very rea-
sonable, that all should be recompensed to him again, Cum Vires,
with promotion, till any other accident should kill him, for the
well and furtherance of this cause, &c. But now I will say
one word of him, & to come to some other purpose of our theme.
I have had one thousand tongues, with as many mouths, with
Ciceros eloquence, I cannot be worshipie enough in common
dation of this Gentleman to you & all your companions: As I
shall let you understand god willing, if ever we shall chane to
meet face for face. And therefore whensoever we may present
him with any benefit either by your selfe or any other, abide
not while he craue it of you: for he is the worst at her in his
owne sorte, that ever he conuerted with. Sed nunc ad alia. At
the rich remembred, at your departing out of this, hee gave
Spader James Mackernay an procurator, to intromet with
Spader Alexander Homies little leuing, he hath here in East
Lowthian, the which he placed and obtained in lew, and to ke
up parish rents thereof to his owne behoofe, & gives us none
of it. In this meane time, there sale out such comers touch-
ing that land, that we are able to lose the hall, wait first. The
said matter Alexander mervell, friends and aires, hath in
judgement passed him to bee dead, and so enters aires to
him, say this the Lord of Spots, the querelous, is forsaken, and
so the land wailes, so that we are like to lose all, if re-
medie be not found. Wherefore, falling in consultation with
matter Alexander King, he thought best to sell the land to him,
and he to be the aluer on a more sure manner of the which
he shall receive some to his use, from this beater, the which he
will

The hypho-
tical and the-
culous com-
medation of
M. Geor. Ker.

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and I feare, that if he had not come on his owne expences, he should not haue receiued any reward: therefore ye should be him the better. We loke for you hère shortly, & I would see you: for if your friends with you, that are beyond sea: & for if your block passed forward, they must be also passed, otherwise we must come and bidde you. All other matters of this countrey, I will commit to the bearer, who is faithful. Your wife and your children & commendes them to you, and hopes to see you shortly. If I or Sandelou & your friend returns any shuer from the bearer, ye shall be assured by articles ticketh, how much it is, & subscribed with both our hands. The rest I will relee to the bearer. God pfectue you euer from all euill. At Dundie the 20. of Nouember. 1592.

Yours most affectioned
at all his power
I. Christelou, &
adired on the back
To his adured friend, George Crauld.

M. James
Gordon.
M. William
Chrichtelou.

A Letter directed from M. Robert Abirwumbly, to M. William Crichtelou, intercepted with M. George Ker, the 27 of December. 1592.

Affer my due and humble salutations and offer of service, I grieve and lament heauily the death, and negligence of your merchants hath used in not looting of your last suite, & postponed to them. For assuredly if they had made any more in profit and consolation. The day and stop of the matter assuredly was lacking of expences, that no man would of his owne charges, take the boage in hand: for a loue craued a thousand crownes for his expences. So the matter was more to be given over & almost cleane forgot, untill it pleased God of his clemencie poudence to stirre up this bearer, to take the turne in hand

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my bedfellows, with all our companie pong & quile reime-
bed into you and your godd companie: Comittis pou with
them to the protection of God. Edinburgh the tenth of Dec-
ber after our account. 1592.*

Yours euert at power
Angus.

Blank on the back.

To M. Willis
Chrichton.

*A Letter directed from M. James Gordan, to M. William
Chrichton, intercepted with M. George Ker the 27. of
December. 1592.*

M. George Ker

Trustie friend, after most hartie commendations, your
friends that are here, hath directed this present bearer to
you, for full resolution of all your affaires in this quarters, we
have delayed ouerlong I grant, but he will tellye you the cause
of all. The next bell is, we vse all expedition in time committing
against the next Sommer: otherwise you will lack credit here
with your sadours. If we come, we will find more friends not
euer we had, but otherwise we will find fewer: because the next
Sommer many are bound to other countreies, & will not abide
on you no longer. Shall home here some to your friends,
that we may put them in good hope of you, and they will sa-
rie the longer. The bearer is an honest man, & very sufficient,
ye may credit him as my selfe. I should haue come with him
my selfe, were it not I was perswaded that he would remain
on our anntwerc, and because I got one stop out of f.landers.
As the bearer can tellye you, we haue gotten all that we desired,
therfore make hast. The bearer is come to you on his owne
charges: therfore we must haue respect to him. The last bearer
that we sent, came here behynd the hand, and hath gotten no
satisfaction as yet, because nothing could be gotten here, & we
could find no man but this, that would passe on his own charges;

Relative to
the Blank.

A Disconerie of the Spaniszed Scottish traitors.

times, salutes you. Of the affaires of the Catholikes here, I leave it to them to write and relate, by whose means these letters should be conveyed. By Lord Seyton, hath an hauen of his own, which may be hereafter very commodious for our expeditions. Commend me I pray you to E. Brach. Pere, &c. After Dudley Iper the night, and John Thules, which upon some sudden piques of persecution, made their repaire, ðer, are in health & salute you and matter. Shall I bestow you lately in Edendunburgh. I come me and pray for me, I beseech you all, I like. And if you send any into these partes, let them come furnished with as ampell faculties as you may: let them inquire for one, M. Thomas, which will be a token betwene us. Our Lord blesse and send us to meete once agane.

Seyton this 2. of October. 1592.

Yours ever most assured.

Ioan Cecilio.

Blank on the back.

A letter directed from the Earle of Angus, all written and subscribed with his own hand, intercepted with M. George Ker, the 27 of December. 1592.

My most affectioned Commendations permitted this present is onely to know of your wellfare and friends, and of the estate of matters where you remaine, and to be a testimonie of my good affection towards you, for god be praised if you were in this Countie, I could do you greater pleasure, then I was able to be desirous, albeit god will lastethly not at no time as you know. The present bearer can informe you of such things as occurs to us: for we are here busily labored to alteration. I may credit him as my selfe, for to his vertues do merit. It is not needfull I trouble you with this recommendation, seeing hee is to god that hee is, god know his honestie and good intention, and the causes of his parting, so to please sufficientie resting the rest. My party salutation and my.

M. Geor. Ker.

A Discovered of the Spaniards traitors.

Spaniards at their landing, and reciprocity to add, as The Depo. of
company, & command them in their passing to England, by all M^r. Ker the
the forces they could procure upon the King of Spain's char^t 5 & 6. of Feb.
ges: And their noble men subscribers, take the Jurdin on
them, and interpoint their names, for the constance of the
whole Catholicities of Scotland in this cause, though it met
amongst themselves for the better rectitude; that none other
should be craved to bind for this errand, but they that
with their eight blanks subscribed, as is said, there was in
tercepted stamps in two of the Certificate of Angus, and of the
Certificate of Huntley, and of the Certificate of Armes four; and of the
Certificate of Erroll's lease of Armes that.

David Graham of Fencric depone, that he met sundrie
times since this purpose was in hand, with Spaldier Robert A-
Fencric, 13 of
bircumbdy, as namely, that the first knowledge he had of this
purpose, was by the said Spaldier Robert in Dunfermling: and
thereafter in the Castle of Senning, before Spaldier George
Ker, his preparation to his journey, where Spaldier Robert
spoke him, that this Commission was to be given to 8 says
Spaldier George, to cause all the blanks, with Spaldier Willi-
am Crichtoun's name, and that he was to deliver the same
blanks, with the other letters to him, who was to depart and
carrie with him all this message.

Al like as the said blanks and letters, which were procu-
red for that errand, were all delivered by Spaldier James Gor-
down, and Spaldier Robert Abircumbdy, to Spaldier George
Ker, to be carried by him to Spaldier William Crichtoun Je-
rind: And to be filled up at the direction and direction of the
said Spaldier William, and of Spaldier James Tyrie, who was
well acquainted with the affairs there.

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A Disconerie of the Spanishe Scottisb traytors.

And other blank is subscribed.
 Georgius Comes de Huntilic.
 And one other is subscribed.

Georgius Comes de Huntilic.

Which were both with the whole blankes proponed, first
 to the sale of Huntilic, by spallier George Ker in Strathbegy,
 at his passing ther.

Which for severall blankes before specified, should have bene
 all filled with minitine letters, by the advice of spallier Wil-
 liam Creichoun.

And the other two blankes, maketh out the number of
 eight, were both subscribed in the midd of two open thow-
 ches of paper in this manner.

Guilielmus Angulus Comes.

Georgius Comes de
 Huntilic.

Franciscus Errollic Comes.

Patricius Gordoun de Auchindoun

Miles.

Which two last blankes, were first subscribed by the Erie
 of Huntilic, and Patrick Gordoun in October. 1592. And
 thereafter being sent with spallier Robert Abircunmy, to the
 Erle of Angus, and Errol, were subscribed by them in the
 same month of October. 1592. And their two blankes should
 have ben filled by with procurations, and suballouenr should
 have ben thought meet, by y said spallier William Creichoun,
 for the adouance of that which spallier George Ker had in
 direction and credit of the subscribers, which credit he recea-
 ued from the Earle of Huntilic, by the report of spallier James
 Gordoun, and from the Earle of Angus and Errol, by their
 letters in Edinburgh, in the beginning of October. 1592.

And the summe of this his credit, was an allowance, that
 the noble men should take a power of appointment, e mair y
 spandis

The depo. of
 M. G. Ker. 3.
 of Feb. 1592.
 The depo. of
 M. G. Ker the
 5. of Feb. 1592.

The depo. of
 M. George Ker
 3. of Feb. 1592.
 The depo. of
 M. Geo. Ker.
 3. Feb. 1592.
 The depo. of
 Fentrie. 14 of
 Feb. 1592.

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not being able to be for some reason, and Spaulder George Ket The Depo. of being aware of the coffee, it was thought best, that I amne Fennice, 13.05 Feb. 1992.

Therefore, after George being bound to this Court, and ready to make bail out of the Fleet, he was again bound to make bail upon the 27. of December, 1562. when (as is recorded) the said after George was apprehended in the Ale of Cunnay, & told him that he was intended and will be letters directed to this purpose. Amongst which, it was some plainness, which is in this manner.

De votre Majesté très humble
& très obéissant serviteur Guil-
laume comte de Sings.

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De vostre Majesté tres humble,
& tresobéissant serviteur, Fran-
coys comte de Errol.

And their two blanks were both presented of them, by Mr James Chesholme, in their owne lodgings in Edinburgh, at the time of the last Parliament in June 1592.

An other blank is subscribed.
Guillelmus Anglie Comes.
An other blank is subscribed.

which were both procured of them by Spaliter Robert
Adcumby, who was the chief traveller in that matter,
in October, 1592.

M George Key
Jan 3. Feb. 1992

A Discovery of the Spaniards Scottish traitors.

The depo of William Creechoun, which should have served as pledges, & Spanish Arme, it was concluded that her should have bene sent out of Spaine, about the latter end of the spring, in this present yeare 1592. An Arme of spiritie thousand men to have landed either at Kirkcubright, or at 5 mouth of Clyde, according to the opportunity of the wind, wher they should have interticed, & fortified themselves, for the assistance of them and their shippes.

And first of all, money should have bene sent to the Cavaliers here, for raising of forces to supply the said Arme: wherof, four or five thousand should have remained with in this Countie, who with the fortification, & assistance of the noble men, Cavaliers, their friends, & such other forces, as the Spanish money would raise, should have immediately after their landing, begun to alter their religion, presently presented within this Realme, or at least procured libertie of conscience and capitall to have bene created here: And the rest of the Arme should have past toward England the next way, from their landing to the border.

Their letters sent from spair William Creechoun, being concord by spair James Gordon, to spair Robert Abecrumby, were shewen by him to David Graeme of Fentrie, 13 of Feb. 1592.

The Depo. of David Graham his spair spair should have gone to Spain, with this Commission, in respect he was otherwise bound, towards his uncle spair William Chesholme (called Johnhop of Dunblane) for his James had the first credit of this errand

• Fentrie, that he had dealt with the Charles of Huntie, and Errol, and conferred with spair George Ker, ament this turne, about 5 time of the last parliament, holden in Edinburgh, in June 1592 as also, intercommuniced againe in his owne house, with the same spair George in October 1592. touching the whole petic of this dispatch. But Sir James,



A DISCOVERIE OF THE VN- NATURAL AND TRAITEROVS

practises of the Scottish Papists, against
God, his Church, their native countrie, and
the Kings Maiesties person
and estate.

At the Confessions and depositions of
George Ker, and David Grahame of M. George Ker
the depositions of
George Ker, and David Grahame of M. George Ker
what in Sparrch, 15. & 6. of
Feb. 1592.



had remained two yeres betwixt in Spain
sent to Spallier James Gordon, Jellist, vn-
ble to George now Earle of Huntly, a gentleman called
Spallier William Gordon, sonne to the Lord of Albrizidic
with letters, to let the Catholikes there vnderstand, what
trauell Spallier William Creichroun had taken with the king
of Spaine since his coming thither: And that the said king
had opened to him, that he had bene deceaued by English
men, and would from that time forth, embrace the aduice
and way, which the said Spallier William would shew him,
both for inhabiting of England, and alteration of Religion,
within this Realme. And for that purpose, the said Spallier
William craued by this Gentleman, to be lent to him so many
my blanks and procurations, as could be had of noble men
herre, for the assurance of his traffique.

Upon the sight & recite of the which blanks, sent with some
other blisart Gentleman, hauing the Noble mens counsaile M. George Ker
the depositions of
George Ker, and David Grahame of M. George Ker
what in Sparrch, 15. & 6. of
Feb. 1592.

William

TO THE READER.

Wherefore yet againe, it is his time and more, that all good
men and louers of their native countrie be wakened up to
true repentance to the Lord, who so heauily threatneth, and
in a part already striketh: and to a diligent and substantiall
conuerring euery one according to his calling and place, both
in land and burgh, to withstand these desperate attempts
before they passe remedie, and timely to prevent the farther
danger, by assisting the execution of iustice upon the rest of
the detected traitors without respect of persons, that
so we labouring to take euill out of Israel, the
Lord who hath so notably begun the work,
may bring it to an happy end, to his
glory and our comfortes,
through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

A DISCO-

TO THE READER.

Religions, lands, & lines, that they dare be bold in their pride
to assure the Spaniard of no resistance here to their cruel
enterprise, as by their owne bragging words hereafter in
their Letters evidently shall appeere: I call kindly matine
Scottish men and true lovers of the Christian religion, ought
to be sufficiently to concur, so the withstanding & over-
throwing of this our common enemy, within our own bowels,
whose unnaturalne barbaritie & his attempt can be match-
ed with no example domesticke or foraine that wee read off.
Whether we consider the cruell barbarousnes of the Spaniards
to whom they have sold their country & and people (whereof
let the monument written by one of their own Friers against
the Spanish crueltie, beside experience wher-ever they are ma-
sters be witness) or whether we consider their most deceitfull
dealing, concerning their most bloody purposes with cloak of most
sister friendship, which most closely they have counterfeited by
subscription to the true Religion, by hearing of the word pre-
ached, and common profession thereof with us, and participation
of the Sacraments by bandes, finally, affinities, mates, and all
affestations and lawes sacred and humane that might seeme
to procure credit amongst men, and many other things so
bee enlarged in time and place, as mens calling in Church
and pollicie craves: Consider and consider againe (good
Reader) what should bee the estate of all honest and Godly
men; their wives and daughters, the estate of the Church,
common weale and Prince, yea and of the miserable wretches
themselves, if their purpose to make the Spaniard our ma-
ster (for no mans servant nor fellow will that proud beast
be) should take effect: O miserable, miserie unspeakable,
be especially to themselves, if their wofull purpose succede
to their minde and far proceeded practises.

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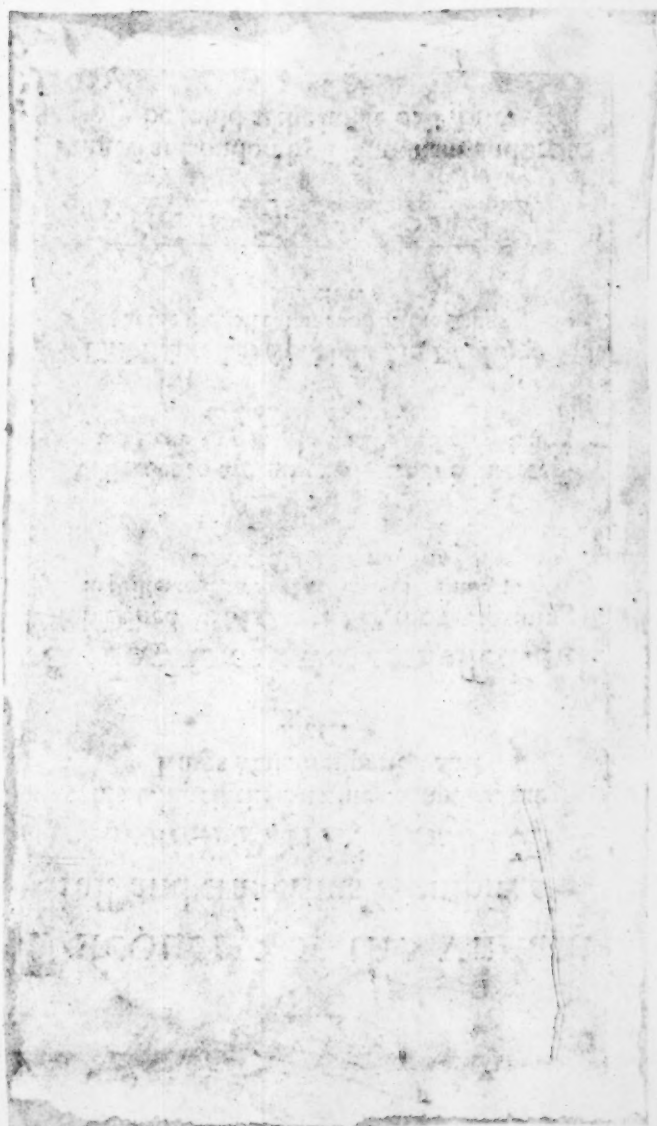
matter cruethe; should be set downe in marginall quotations: As also, that some of the most remarkable letters of the practisers, should be joyned heere unto word by word, which were intercepted with Master George Kees, and the selfe deciphered and translated as after shall appeare, and so the whole together to be imprinted, and set forth unto the view of the world, to the glorie of Gods Majestie (the one-ly renewer of these secrets) to the comfort and edification of his Church, and the perpetuall detection and shame of the unnaturall enemye. All which things are so faithfully done in this volume following, that no man how impudent soever hee bee, can justly challenge it with any falsifying, forging, or changinge one thing for another, to the wronging of the originall depositions in any the least substantiall part thereof, as by considering this extract with the first records, which are in the clarks hands, most evidently shall appeare, if any list to looke upon them. Thou art therefore (good Reader) greatly to consider the goodness of our God in this case, so watchfull over his Church, for the good & safetie thereof, by discovering such deepe & dangerous practises of the deadly enemye, even then when as we thinking nothing lesse, are ready to be surprised by their close courses so cunningly & craftily committed, as we may well say with the Prophet, our soule is escaped enemies as a bird out of the snare of the Fowler, &c. As also thou art to be wakened up to the earnest consideration of the diligence force & crueltie of our enemies (which yet is nothing abated, but more eager presently then ever heerebefore, to achieve their devilish intent) & no waies to trust them or be secure, as though they were sleeping and minding no danger to us, while in the meane time, so deeply & deadly they conspire within & without, with so great force & craft against our Religion,

TO THE READER.



Nam and dangerous points (good Reader) of
 unnatural & treasonable practises of Scot-
 tish Papists, (or as they will needs be styled)
 Catholic Romanes, against God, his Church,
 their native Countrey, and the Kings Ma-
 jesties estate and person, being discovered by Gods great &

merciful providence, partly by the depositions and confes-
 sions of some of the practisers themselves, & namely, Master
 George Ker, who for that cause was imprisoned; and Da-
 vid Crahame of Fentrie unjustly executed for the same also,
 in Edinburgh, the 15. of Februarie. 1592. and partly by
 divers letters of sundrie of the practisers intercepted at di-
 vers times. It was thought good by the kings Majestie, & his
 honourable Councell, that the most substantiall points of the
 said depositions, should bee faithfully taken out of the origi-
 nals, which were deposed and confessed by the said Master
 George, and David Crahame of Fentrie, before the hono-
 rable persons deputed by the kings Majestie, & his highnesse
 Councell to that effect, & subscribed with their owne hands,
 and for the greater ease of the memorie of the Reader should
 be summarily gathered into this forme following, which other-
 wise were scattered heere and there in their depositions, ac-
 cording to the occasion of the divers demands at divers tymes
 for the Reader taking up whereof, the times of the deposi-
 tions and persons deposing, severally and continually as the



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ral and traitorous Conspiracie
of Scottish Papists, against God,

his Church, their native Countie, the
Kings Majesties person and

estate.

Set downe, as it was confessed and

subscribed by M. George Ker, then remaining
in prison, and David Graeme of Fentim, justly

executed for his treason in
Edinburgh.

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ted Letters, written by sundry of that faction
to the same purpose.

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